IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Please substitute the attached Sequence Listing section for the last filed Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

After the foregoing amendments, cancellations and addition of new claims 85-87, the claims presently appearing in this case are the following:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10-14, 16, 18-20, 22, 23, 32-34, 36, 44-50, 53, 56, 58, 60-62, 64-69, 73, 75, 79, and 83-87.

According to Applicants calculations, there are presently 46 claims of which 8 are independent.

The amendments to the claims are being made to eliminate all multiple dependencies (proper and improper) and to introduce the subject matter of many dependent claims into earlier dependent claims or independent claims. This is being done to reduce the filing fee. More specifically:

- (a) Amended claim 2 incorporates the language of prior claims 3 which is being cancelled;
- (b) Amended Claim 4 incorporates the language of prior claims 5-9 which are being cancelled;
- (c) Amended Claim 14 incorporates the language of prior claim 15 which is being cancelled:
- (d) Amended Claim 16 incorporates the language of prior claim 17 which is being cancelled:
- (e) Amended Claim 20 incorporates the language of prior claim 21 which is being cancelled;
- (f) Claims 24-31 and 37-43 being are cancelled;
- (g) Amended Claim 50 incorporates the language of prior claim 51 and 52 which are being cancelled;
- (h) Amended Claim 53 incorporates the language of prior claims 54 and 55 which are being cancelled;
- (i) Amended Claim 56 incorporates the language of prior claim 57 which is being cancelled:
- (j) Claims 59 and 63 are being cancelled;
- (k) Amended Claim 69 incorporates the language of prior claim 70-72 which are being cancelled;
- (l) Amended Claim 73 incorporates the language of prior claim 74 which is being cancelled;

- (m) Amended Claim 75 incorporates the language of prior claims 76-78 which are being cancelled; and
- (n) Amended Claim 79 incorporates the language of prior claims 80—82 which are being cancelled.

Yet other amendments correct minor clerical or typographical errors or clarify the language to place the case in better condition for examination.

None of these amendments add new matter. These amendments are made entirely without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve their right to add claims at a later stage commensurate in scope with the claims which may have been eliminated here as part of the removal of all multi-dependencies.

Applicants have added into the present specification a substitute paper copy Sequence Listing section according to 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c). Furthermore, attached hereto is a file (either on a 3½" disk or in an online text file) containing the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e).

The following statement is provided to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.825(a) and 1.825(b).

I hereby state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.825(a), that the amendments included in the substitute sheets of the sequence listing are believed to be supported in the application as filed and that the substitute sheets of the sequence listing are not believed to include new matter.

I hereby further state, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b), that the attached copy of the computer readable form is the same as the attached substitute paper copy of the sequence listing.

Applicants submit that the present application contains patentable subject matter and therefore urge the examiner to pass the case to issuance.

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Please enter the above amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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